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TEXT OF NIXON'S TOAST AT 22 FEB BANQUET IN PEKING
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(TEXT) PEKING, FEBRUARY 22, 1976 (HSINHUA)-- FOLLOWING
IS THE FULL TEXT OF FORMER U.S. PRESIDENT RICHARD M.
NIXON'S TOAST AT THE BANQUET GIVEN IN HIS HONOUR BY THE STATE
COUNCIL HERE THIS EVEININGI

MR ACTING PREMIER,

MR FOREIGN MINISTER,

AND ALL OF YOU DISTINGUISHED GUESTS ON THIS VERY HAPPY OCCASION.

SOON AFTER WE ARRIVED LAST NIGHT IN PEKING FOR OUR SECOND VISIT,
A CHINESE FRIEND SAID TO ME THAT TO MEET SOMEONE AFTER A LONG PERIOD
OF BEING APART IS A SPECIAL PLEASURE. THAT IS EXACTLY THE WAY WE
FEEL TONIGHT.

AS IT HAS ALREADY BEEN INDICATED THAT IT WAS JUST 4 YEARS AGO THIS
WEEK THAT THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED. (AS RECEIVED) THAT
HISTORIC DOCUMENT ENDED A GENERATION OF CONFRONTATION AND CONFLICT
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND BEGAN AN ERA OF NEGOTIATION AND
CONSULTATION AND ALSO PROGRESS TOWARD BOTH GOALS WE SHARE TOGETHER.

ACTING PREMIER HUA TONIGHT HAS ELOQUENTLY SUPPORTED
THE PRINCIPLES OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. =AND PRESIDENT FORD IN
HIS STATE VISIT TO CHINA IN DECEMBER STRONGLY AFFIRMED THE SUPPORT
OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE PRINCIPLES OF THE SHANGHIA COMMUNIQUE.

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THIS INDICATES THAT THIS DOCUMENT WAS SOMETHING MORE THAN THE USUAL STATEMENT SIGNED BY TWO LEADERS OF A NATION OR TWO NATIONS AT ANY PARTICULAR TIME, BECAUSE WHAT WE SEE HERE IS THAT WHILE THE INTERESTS OF GREAT POWERS ARE INVOLVED THAT EVEN THOUGH THE LEADERS MAY CHANGE THE INTERESTS REMAIN THE SAME, AND THIS IS BECAUSE THE PRINCIPLES OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE WERE PRINCIPLES THAT WERE IN THE INTERESTES OF BOTH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THOSE PRINCIPLES ARE JUST AS STRONGLY HELD TODAY AS THEY WERE 4 YEARS AGO.

I RECALL THAT I FIRST HAD THE HONOUR OF MEETING CHAIRMAN MAO 4 YEARS AGO , WE SPOKE VERY CANDIDLY AND HONESTLY ABOUT THE FACT THAT WE CAME FROM DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS AND THAT WE HAD MANY AREAS IN WHICH OUR BELIEFS ON PHILOSOPHICAL, POLITICAL, AND ECONOMIC MATTERS WERE DIFFERENT.

WHAT THEN BROUGHT US TOGETHER? THIS WAS THE ANSWER! HISTORY HAS BROUGHT US TOGETHER, AND NOW 4 YEARS AFTER THAT MEETING HISTORY CALLS ON OUR TWO NATIONS TO CONTUNUE TO WORK TOGETHER TO BUILD ON THE FOUNDATION THAT WE LAID 4 YEARS AGO AND TO BUILD ON THE DOCUMENT WHIACH SET FORTH THE PRICIPLES ON WHICH WE HAD AGREED, WE MUST REALIZE HOW VITAL IT IS TO DO SO,BECAUSE THE FUTURE NOT ONLY OF THE 800 MILLION PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE 200 MILLION PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BUT THE FUTURE OF ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE WORLD DEPEND UPON THE RELIABILITY, AND THE CAPABILITY AND THE DETERMINATION OF OUR TWO NATIONS TO WORK TOGETHER FOR THE CAUSE OF PEACE WITH SECURITY FOR ALL NATIONS.

THERE ARE OF COURSE SOME WHO BELIEVE THAT THE MERE ACT OF SIGNING A STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES OR A DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE WILL BRING INSTANT AND LASTING PEACE, THIS IS NAIVE, THERE CANNOT AND WILL NOT BE LASTING AND SECURE PEACE UNTIL EVERY NATION IN THE WORLD RESPECTS THE SECURITY AND INDEPENDENCE OF EVERY OTHER NATION LARGE OR SMALL, LET ME ILLUSTRATE THAT POINT BY READING DIRECTLY FROM THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE; "BOTH SIDES ARE OF THE VIEW THAT IS WILL BE AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD FOR ANY MAJOR COUNTRY TO COLLUDE WITH ANOTHER AGAINST OTHER COUNTRIES OR FOR MAJOR COUNTRIES TO DIVIDE UP THE WORLD INTO SPHERES OF INFLUENCE."

AND WHEN ALL COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD AS HAVE THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE UNITED STATE OF AMERICA SUBSCIRBED TO AND SUPPORTED THAT PRINCIPLE, THEN THERE WILL BE REAL PEACE AND SECURTIY FOR ALL COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD.

IN HIS REMARKS TINIGHT THE ACTING PREMIER HAS SPOKEN ELOQUENTLY OF THE REDWOOD SAPLINGS THAT WE HAD THE HONOUR TO PLANT AT THE BEAUTIFUL CITY OF HANGCHOW 4 YEARS AGO, WHEN MY DAUGHTER





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JULIE AND HER HUSBAND DAVID EISENHOWER RETURNED FROM THEIR TRIP TO CHINA, THEY TOLD US THAT THEY HAD BEEN INFORMED IN HANGCHOW THAT OVER 5,000 SEEDS HAD ALREADY BEEN TAKEN FROM THOSE SAPLINGS AND WILL BE PLANTED ALL OVER CHINA, AND WHEN A DINNER WAS GIVEN FOR THEM AS THEY WERE ABOUT TO LEAVE CHINA FROM SHANGHAI, THEIR CHINESE HOST MADE THE STATEMENT THAT THOSE CALIFORNIA REDWOODS WERE A SYMBOL OF THE EVERGREEN FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES, AND TONIGHT I HOPE AND TRUST THAT IN THE YEARS AHEAD LIKE THE GIANT CALIFORNIA REDWOODS CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES WILL GROW STRONG AND TALL IN THEIR FRIENDSHIP.

AND SO IT IS IN THAT SPIRIT THAT I ASK YOU TO JOIN ME IN THE RETURN TOAST

TO CHAIRMAN MAO,

TO THE ACTING PREMIER HUA,

TO ALL OF OUR HOSTS AND YOUR GUESTS AND

TO THE EVERGREEN FRIENDSHIP OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE,

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